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SUBJECT: POLITICAL-LABOR MANEUVERING

1. A NOTED LULL IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES HAS FOLLOWED THE AUGUST 11 CABINET RESHUFFLE. OBVIOUSLY REJECTING SHOCK TACTICS OF THEIR PREDECESSORS, NEW CABINET MEMBERS HAVE ASSIDUOUSLY AVOIDED ANY MAJOR POLICY DEPARTURES. INSTEAD, THEY ARE APPARENTLY ORGANIZING THEIR MINISTRIES, ESTABLISHING AND FORTIFYING CONTACTS, AND ATTEMPTING RE-ESTABLISH CONFIDENCE IN GOA. DESPITE ABSENCE PRESIDENT PERON FROM CITY, CABINET CONTINUES TO MEET AND APPARENTLY IS CARRYING ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS IN NORMAL MANNER.

2. EFFORTS ALSO UNDER WAY IN LABOR MOVEMENT TO HEAL RUPTURES CREATED BY VERTICALIST/ANTI-VERTICALIST DISPUTE OVER NAMING REPLACEMENT FOR RAUL LASTIRI AS CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PRESIDENT. 62 ORGANIZATIONS LEADER LORENZO MIGUEL APPEARS TO BE RECONSOLIDATING HIS POSITION DESPITE WIDESPREAD DEFECTIONS BY ANTI-VERTICALISTS. BOTH MINECON CAFIERO AND MINLABOR RUCKAUF ARE CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH MIGUEL. ADDITIONALLY, MIGUEL IS STRONG SUPPORTER OF MININTERIOR DAMASCO.

3. IN APPARENT EFFORT TO BRING PRESSURE ON ANTI-VERTICALIST LABOR SECTOR, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE GOVERNOR CALABRO, A

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PROMINENT ANTI-VERTICALIST, WAS CALLED TO MAR DEL PLATA FOR

AUGUST 19 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PERON, MIGUEL AND CGT SECGEN HERRERAS. CALABRO IS THE MOST PROMINENT POLITICAL-LABOR LEADER WHO OPPOSED MIGUEL'S ACTIVITIES DURING CONGRESSIONAL BATTLE. OUTCOME OF MEETING IS UNKNOWN AS CALABRO EVADED THE PRESS FOLLOWING THE MEETING, AND MIGUEL AND HERRERAS SIMPLY COMMENTED THAT MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST HAD BEEN DISCUSSED.

4. QUESTION OF REORGANIZATION OF CGT AND 62 ORGANIZATIONS STILL IN THE AIR DESPITE INSISTENT REPORTS THAT HERRERAS WILL LEAVE SHORTLY FOR GENEVA TO UNDERTAKE ILO RESPONSIBILITIES AND THAT CGT BOARD MEMBER MAXIMIANO CASTILLO WILL BE DESIGNATED CGT SUBSEC GEN AS FIRST STEP OF REORGANIZATION. ALSO, THE REORGANIZATION OF THE 62, WHICH WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN RE-ENFORCEMENT OF LORENZO MIGUEL'S POSITION, APPEARS LIKELY TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER JUSTICIALIST PARTY CONGRESS.

5. REORGANIZATION CONGRESS OF JUSTICIALIST PARTY NOW SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 23 WILL PROBABLY BE POSTPONED ONCE AGAIN. BASIC REASON FOR FURTHER POSTPONEMENT IS OBVIOUS NEED FOR VERTICALISTS TO OBTAIN SUPPORT THEIR POSITION AND CANDIDATES. A CALL BY ANTI-VERTICALIST LABOR DEPUTY LUIS RUBIO FOR A PARTY AMNESTY, TO PERMIT REINSTATEMENT OUSTED PARTY MEMBERS SUCH AS EX-PRESIDENT CAMPORA AND JORGE PALADINO, WILL CREATE FURTHER DIVISIONS IN ALREADY SPLINTERED PARTY. THUS ADDITIONAL TIME IS NEEDED TO GAIN CONSENSUS PRIOR TO CONGRESS.

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